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# UD Announces Fall Speaker Series Lineup

The University of Dayton Speaker Series lineup for fall 2018 features a Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist and best-selling author, an expert on the economics of social mobility and inequality, and an Iranian-born comedian who draws from his upbringing to challenge negative stereotypes about immigrants with humor.

“I’m thrilled by the group of speakers in the fall series and looking forward to the insights — both serious and comedic — each of these speakers will share on some of today’s most pressing issues,” said Susan Wawrose, Speaker Series committee chair from the University of Dayton School of Law.

Journalist Wil Haygood, a *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Butler and Showdown*, returns to the University at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, for a conversation about his new book, *Tigerland: 1968-1969: A City Divided, a Nation Torn Apart, and a Magical Season of Healing*. *Tigerland* chronicles the story of the Columbus East High School Tigers, a segregated black high school with basketball and baseball teams that each won Ohio state championships in the same year, uniting a racially charged community in the aftermath of the assassinations of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy.

A Columbus native, Haygood visited the University last January to give the keynote address during the annual MLK Prayer Breakfast. Longtime friend Michael Carter, chief diversity officer at Sinclair Community College, will facilitate the interview session. Copies of Haygood’s books will be available for purchase and signing following the speech in Kennedy Union ballroom.

Richard V. Reeves, a senior fellow in economic studies, director of the Future of the Middle Class Initiative and co-director of the Center on Children and Families with The Brookings Institution, will discuss his book, *Dream Hoarders*:

*How the American Upper Middle Class Is Leaving Everyone Else in the Dust, Why That Is a Problem, and What to Do About It*, at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, in Kennedy Union ballroom. Reeves' research focuses on the middle class, inequality and social mobility. He is a member of the Government of Canada's Ministerial Advisory Committee on Poverty, and also teaches at the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University.

Maz Jobrani, an Iranian-American comedian and actor, will present Maz Jobrani Live, in conjunction with the Creating Inclusive Community Conference. His presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Kennedy Union ballroom.

Jobrani, a founding member of the Axis of Evil Comedy Tour, has had three Showtime comedy specials: *Brown and Friendly*, *I Come in Peace*, and *I'm Not a Terrorist, But I've Played One on TV*, based on his best-selling book of the same name. His comedy draws from his upbringing as an Iran-born immigrant raised in Northern California.

All three talks are free and open to the public. Tickets are not required for Speaker Series lectures, but seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking is available without a permit in B and C lots only. For more information visit <http://go.udayton.edu/speakerseries>.

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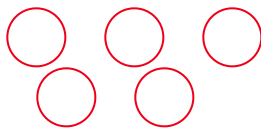
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